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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9563

INFO AMCONSUL LUANDA

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJ: ALLEGED G.R.A.E. DISSIDENT INFORMS PRESS HE
ORGANIZATIONS'S C.I.A. CONDUIT

1. ACCORDING INTERVIEW IN MAY 8 EVENING "A CAPITAL",
ELIAS STEVENSON BARBER, SELF-STYLED EX-"FOREIGN MINISTER"
OF REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA IN EXILE (G.R.A.E.),
ARRIVED LISBON LAST WEEK VIA MOSCOW AND ROTTERDAM. IN
INTERVIEW BARBER STATED HE NOW OPPOSES G.R.A.E. AND ALL
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND HOPES RETURN TO ANGOLA TO LEAD
HIS NEWLY ESTABLISHED "SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOR
NATIONAL COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY UNIFICATION".

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2. BARBER TOLD PAPER HE PERSONALLY RECEIVED AND BANKED

IN G.R.A.E. ACCOUNT IN THE HAGUE MONEY GIVEN ORGANIZATION
BY C.I.A. FUNDS TOTALING OVER 2 1/2 MILLION DOLLARS
RECEIVED, AND ALLEGED DONORS INCLUDE C.I.A., CABINDA
GULF, MABOR GENERAL, SENATOR KENNEDY AND "LUMMNIO". BARBER
ALLEGED THAT C.I.A. EXERCISED GREAT POLITICAL INFLUENCE
OVER G.R.A.E., "ASIDE FROM FURNISHING US WITH INFORMATION
OF MILITARY VALUE, OBTAINED BY THEIR ESPIONAGE SERVICES
IN LISBON."

3. COMMENT: WE KNOW NOTHING OF BARBER. HIS STATEMENT
MAY BE SELF-SERVING ATTEMPT ATTRACT ATTENTION TO HIS NEW
POLITICAL PARTY. HOWEVER, BARBER MAY BE SPREADING STORY
AS PART DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT G.R.A.E
WITH WHICH HE MAY IN FACT NOT BE ASSOCIATED. NO OTHER
LISBON PAPER HAS PICKED UP THIS STORY, ALTHOUGH IT LIKELY
FUTURE ALLEGATIONS THIS TYPE WILL APPEAR AS POLITICAL
LIFE HERE HEATS UP. WE PLAN RESPOND TO PRESS INQUIRIES
BY STATING THAT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ABOUT BARBER
OR HIS STORY, BUT THAT STORY SEEMS UNLIKELY TO US. SCOTT

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